



Docket No.: ~~ED-2013-ICCD-0128~~

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and approval; Comment Request; Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) 2013-2016**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education (ED), Institute of Education Sciences/National Center for Education Statistics (IES).

**ACTION:** Notice.

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**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing a revision of an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [insert the 30th day after publication of this notice].

**ADDRESSES:** Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting Docket ID number ED-2013-ICCD-0128 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or e-mail and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, LBJ, Room 2E103, Washington, D.C. 20202-4537.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions related to collection activities or burden, please call Katrina Ingalls, 703-620-3655 or electronically mail [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). **Please do not send comments here.**

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this

*Title of Collection:* Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) 2013-2016

*OMB Control Number:* 1850-0582

*Type of Review:* Revision of an existing collection of information.

*Respondents / Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Governments

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 71,867

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 933,777

*Abstract:* The Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) is a web-based data collection system designed to collect basic data from all postsecondary institutions in the United States and the other jurisdictions. IPEDS enables the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) to report on key dimensions of postsecondary education such as enrollments, degrees and other awards earned, tuition and fees, average net price, student financial aid, graduation rates, revenues and expenditures, faculty salaries, and staff employed. The IPEDS web-based data collection system was implemented in 2000-01, and it collects basic data from approximately 7,500 postsecondary institutions in the United States and the other jurisdictions that are eligible to participate in Title IV Federal financial aid programs. All Title IV institutions are required to respond to IPEDS (Section 490 of the Higher Education Amendments of 1992 (P.L. 102-325)). IPEDS allows other (non-title IV) institutions to participate on a voluntary basis. About 200 elect to respond. IPEDS data are available to the public through the College Navigator and IPEDS Data Center websites. NCES seeks authorization to continue its IPEDS data collection. Current authorization expires 6/30/2014 (OMB No. 1850-0582). Clearance is also sought for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 data collections in order to provide institutions advanced notice of changes to the current data collection. Because the already approved 2013-14 IPEDS data collection has not yet taken place, we are carrying over the documentation and estimated burden associated with the 2013-14 data collection. The 30-day public comment period for this collection concluded on September 9, 2013. In response to the public comments, two revisions have been made to the proposed IPEDS 2013-2016 collection: (1) the item “Serial Titles” was deleted from the Academic Libraries component because it had been deleted from the 2012 Academic Libraries Survey between the Technical Review Panel meeting and the submission of the clearance package, and (2) a cohort status report at 6 years was added for all institutions to the Outcome Measures component to accommodate the measurement of awards in a timeframe that will align with proposed policy changes related to federal student loan limits and to provide a second point in time measure to assist students and their parents in the college selection process. Award information will now be reported at both the 6 year and 8 year timeframe, 8 years after the cohort enters the institution. As a result of these changes, NCES is opening another 30-day public comment period.

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